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CRITICISM OF CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS  
ON BULGARIAN SODA PLANT, IRRIGATION SYSTEM

"Karl Marks" State Soda Plant

One reason for this lag is that instructions are not given in time to work brigades. It is an everyday occurrence for some workers to be without work because of a shortage of material. For example, the brigade of Strati Doychinov and Yoncho Tasev, which includes 34 workers, worked only 12 days during one month. Over 800 workers left the project between 1 January and 15 March 1953. Although raw material is at hand nearby, the managers of the construction work do not make any attempt to get it. There are in Bulgaria dozens of construction projects, which need hundreds of thousands of cubic meters of lumber. Consequently, the construction managers at the plant must be very careful how they use lumber.

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It is incomprehensible how the most responsible managers of the Ministry of Construction and the managers of the "Fabrichno Zavodski Stroezi" DSO ("Factory and Plant Constructions" State Construction Association) put up with this situation.

Lacho Petrov, chief of the Montazhno Upravlenie (Installation Administration) of the Ministry of Construction, was at the construction site during the second half of February. He gave some valuable suggestions to improve the construction work. One month later, Petrov returned to the site and found that his advice had not been taken. Despite this, Manev, chief of construction at the site; Antonov, chief engineer; and Petrov, chief of supply section, were not held personally responsible for failing to carry out Lacho Petrov's instructions.

The insufficient cooperation on the part of the Stalin Okrug Committee of the BKP (Bulgarian Communist Party) is also to blame for the condition at the construction site.

#### "I. V. Stalin" Brushlyan Irrigation System

The "I. V. Stalin" Brushlyan irrigation system will irrigate 200,000 decarees of arable land in Ruse Okrug. This year, over 50,000 decarees of cotton, over 20,000 decarees of sugar beet, 7,000 decarees of hemp, 9,000 decarees of strawberries, and other important plants will be planted in the Brushlyan region. The entire irrigation system is to be completed by 1 May 1953, after completion of the canals in the region of Sandrovo, Ruse Okoliya. The construction of the irrigation network at Sandrovo began in January 1953, and the irrigation network in the Brushlyan region is being repaired.

The effort thus far, however, has not been sufficient. Construction took too long, for which the "Vodstroy" DSP ("Water Construction" State Construction Enterprise) is to blame. This DSP fulfilled the plan for construction work on the Sandrovo irrigation system only 30 percent during February and 50 percent during March. At the areas supervised by technician Misho Genov only seven workers were active on 23 March 1953, although 100 were needed; in the region directed by technician Mikhaylov only 12 workers were working on that day, while 150 were needed. On the same date, only 280 workers were on the entire irrigation site, while 870 were needed. The manpower shortage is due to the poor organization of the DSP, as well as to the lack of cooperation on the part of the local people's soviet in recruiting manpower.

This DSP is also doing a poor job in acquiring material. At present, it must transport 800 tons of ballast, 200 tons of cement, 200 tons of pipes, and other materials from the port in Ryakhovo. This material must be transported daily by at least 20 trucks, but the DSP has only five trucks, which it does not use properly. Because of the poor leadership in the Central Administration of the DSP, good machinery supplied by the Soviet Union has remained unused in the Aydemir lowland. The director of the DSP, Engineer Bozhkov, has so far done nothing to improve this condition. Poor work is also being done by the brigade from the "Vodproekt" ("Water Project") [Enterprise]. Engineer Velenov is in charge of this brigade. The rebuilding of the 23d pumping station near Brushlyan is proceeding slowly.

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